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Applicant: *Hwang, Y.*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as indicated below, with the amendments being presented for consideration by the Examiner.

Applicant is concurrently submitting a response to restriction requirement.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. A method of treating oil comprising the steps of:

- a) transporting a source of oil to a treatment station, said treatment station including at least a filter system, said filter system being capable of continuously extracting particulate materials from oil and removing said extracted particulates from the filter system,
- b) supplying said oil at a predetermined flow rate to said filter system and extracting particulate materials of at least a predetermined size of fifteen microns or less, and
- c) transporting said oil from said filter system for reuse ~~wherein said particulate material is extracted from said oil.~~